Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 21 May 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 22 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 21 May 2022 at 03:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for changeable weather through the next five days. Medium for details of rain and cloud from Sunday.

Headline for Saturday 21 May 2022: Bright start then cloudier with showers developing. Strong southwesterly winds at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 21 May 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Cloudy	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	40%	40%	20%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 21 May 2022

Weather: Mainly dry through the early hours a mixture of patchy cloud and isolated showers in the west, and clear spells in the east. A dry start to the morning with sunny spells in the east and some patchy cloud in the west, covering the tops at times. More in the way of cloud towards midday with showers developing, becoming more frequent in the afternoon and locally heavy. A cloudy end to the afternoon with some patchy light rain in the west.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% in the west, 70% in the east. Becoming more widely 50% into the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud mainly above the summits in the east but occasionally down to 700 or 800 m in the west. Cloud more widely down to 500 or 600 m into the evening. Very poor visibility within cloud, otherwise good visibility lowering moderate in rain or showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/36 W	25/32 W	24/33 SW	21/30 SW	22/30 SW	25/33 S	27/37 S
900	28/34 SW	24/29 SW	24/31 SW	22/29 SW	21/27 SW	25/32 S	31/39 S
600	20/25 SW	19/24 SW	19/26 SW	17/24 SW	15/21 SW	16/24 S	20/29 S
300	9/19 SW	11/22 SW	13/25 SW	11/23 SW	9/19 SW	7/17 SW	9/21 S
Glen	3/16 SW	7/20 SW	7/21 SW	7/21 SW	6/19 SW	5/17 SW	4/18 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	2/-5	3/-3	3/-2	3/-3	3/-4	3/-3
900	4/-2	5/-1	6/1	7/2	6/2	6/2	7/1
600	6/2	8/3	9/5	10/6	9/6	9/6	9/5
300	8/6	11/8	12/10	13/10	12/10	10/9	10/8
Glen	8/7	12/11	14/12	14/12	13/11	11/10	10/9
Freezing Level*	1500m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1700m	2000m	2100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Sunday 22 May 2022
Weather: Outbreaks of rain or showers for much of the day with low cloud at times. Drier evening with the odd bright spell possible. Strong or near gale force southerly winds gradually becoming westerly through the day.

Maximum wind: Southerly becoming westerly, 25-30 mph gusting 40-45 mph. Locally stronger on the Cairn Gorm Plateau.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%.

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional low cloud above 500 m with very poor visibility within cloud. Otherwise good visibility occasionally poor in rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius becoming plus 13 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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